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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR" AND STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 27-103 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve
7 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard
8 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code, as
9 amended from time to time; (2) "veteran" means any person honorably
10 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
11 service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time of war" means service
12 of ninety or more cumulative days [except, if the period of war lasted
13 less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the
14 entire period of war,] during a period of war unless separated from

15 service earlier because of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line
16 of duty or a service-connected disability rated by the United States
17 Department of Veterans Affairs, [during a period of war] except that if
18 the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war"
19 means service for the entire such period of war unless separated
20 because of any such injury or disability; (4) "period of war" has the
21 same meaning as provided in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to
22 time, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning on
23 February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period
24 of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat
25 support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or
26 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
27 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of
28 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,
29 July 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to
30 January 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with
31 the armed forces of any government associated with the United States;
32 and (5) "qualifying condition" means a diagnosis of post-traumatic
33 stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by, or an experience of
34 military sexual trauma, as described in 38 USC 1720D, as amended
35 from time to time, disclosed to, an individual licensed to provide
36 health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs
37 facility.

38 (b) As used in this part, "Veterans Residential Services facility"
39 means the Veterans Residential Services facility in Rocky Hill
40 maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides
41 temporary and other supported residential services for qualifying
42 veterans; "hospital" means any incorporated hospital or tuberculosis
43 sanatorium in the state and any state chronic disease hospital, or
44 hospital for persons with mental illness; "Healthcare Center" means the
45 hospital in Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of Veterans
46 Affairs; "veteran" means any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of
47 this section, who is a resident of this state; [, provided, if he or she was
48 not a resident or resident alien of this state at the time of enlistment or

49 induction into the armed forces, he or she shall have resided
50 continuously in this state for at least two years;] "eligible dependent"
51 means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a veteran who has no
52 adequate means of support; and "eligible family member" means any
53 parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child or children under
54 eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose cooperation in the
55 program is integral to the treatment of the veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	27-103(a) and (b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To redefine "service in time of war" and to remove a two-year residency requirement for certain veterans' services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]